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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2002 for the above-identified application. A shortened time for response of one month has been set.

ELECTION

Election is hereby made without traverse to prosecute claims 1-15, and 41-57 in this application. Each of claims 1-15 and 41-57 is generic to the embodiments of FIGS. 2 and 10.